venting the thefts of gold. The following measures are taker, to prevent gold theft in the K.G.F. Mines :—

(a) Special Detective teams are posted for patrolling according to a programme made by the Chief Security Officer. Such programmes are kept strictly secret and are indicated to the Team just before the start of the shift. The places to be visited are identified in consultation with the Mine Managers as well as based on internal information.

(b) A special Intelligence Team has been constituted to oversee the work of the underground detect-tives and collect intelligence.

(c) All the workmen, when they come up, are searched by stripping at the shaft tops. Those suspected to be indulging in gold stealing by hiding the metal inside the body, are taken to the hospital for screening.

(d) All the tools and equipment, brought up from underground, are thoroughly searched for any hidden precious metal before being allowed to l)e taken away.

(e) A hand-held electronic metal detector, imported from U.K. though not sensitive enough to detect small quantities of gold, is yet used frequently as a tool to create fear of detection among the workmen, thereby curbing such activities.

3. In the metallurgical plants and chemical laboratory, the following "measures are in Vogue :—<

(a) All employees, including officers, are subject to thorough search by stripping.

(b) No personal belongings are allowed to be taken inside.

(c) All tools and equipment before leaving the plants are thoroughly searched.

(d) All important points in the process circuit, where gold is visible, are manned by special duty security personnel.

4. Besides the above, there are certain measures taken by the company to prevent the smuggling of gold which are as follows

Rewards Scheme for informants is in vogue both for employees and general public. The maximum limit of reward is Rs. 5000/- or 5% of the Value of gold involved.

Under Section 6 and 13 of Mysore[1] Mines Regulation Act, 1906, a fine not exceeding Rs. 500/- or imprisonment for one year or both can be imposed on persons caught in gold stealing at KGF. The company has taken up with the Stale Government a proposal for enhancing the conviction period and the amount of fine as they are considered to be too mea^ gre.

Proposal to shift the office of the Central Water Commission from Burla in Orissa to Raipur in Madhya Pradesh

♦258. SHRI JAGADISH JANI :: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some suggestions have been given by the officials of the Central Water Commission, Hydera-bad Circle, to shift the Central Water Commission office from Burla (Orissa) to Raipur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether there has been resentment among the people of Orissa against this move; and

(c) if so, what action the Central Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) The Central Water Commission have no proposal